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49 Male  
51 Female  
**[109]**

**FINAL**

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**Please note: all results are shown as percentages unless otherwise stated.**

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***The margin of error for 809 interviews is +3.5%***

1. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job George W. Bush is doing as president?

	<u>11/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	<u>6/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	
Approve.....	88	82	50	56	57	<b>[138]</b>
Disapprove.....	7	12	35	30	22	
Not sure.....	5	6	15	14	21	

2. When it comes to the country's economic condition, which of the following statements comes closest to your point of view?

	<u>11/01</u>	<u>3/01</u>	
The country is already in an economic recession.....	46	21	<b>[139]</b>
The country will be in an economic recession within the next twelve months <sup>1</sup> .....	27	32	
The country will NOT be in an economic recession in the next twelve months <sup>2</sup> .....	22	41	
Not sure.....	5	6	

<sup>1</sup>In March 2001, item was phrased, "The country will be in an economic recession in the next year."

<sup>2</sup>In March 2001, item was phrased, "The country will NOT be in an economic recession in the next year."

3. How worried are you that you or someone in your family will lose their job--very worried, fairly worried, only slightly worried, or not really worried at all?

	<u>11/01</u>	<u>9/01</u>	
Very worried.....	15	10	<b>[140]</b>
Fairly worried.....	8	8	
Only slightly worried.....	21	23	
Not really worried at all.....	55	58	
Not sure.....	1	1	

4. Would you say that you totally support, mainly support, have mixed feelings about, or oppose the approach that President Bush and his administration are taking in the war on terrorism?

	<u>11/01</u>	<u>10/7/01</u>	<u>9/20/01<sup>1</sup></u>	
Totally support.....	61	79	67	[141]
Mainly support.....	20	8	18	
Have mixed feelings.....	16	10	8	
Oppose.....	3	3	2	
Not sure.....	-	-	5	

<sup>1</sup> Previously, this question was phrased, "President Bush and his administration have outlined a number of steps that they plan to take in the campaign against terrorism. Would you say that you totally support, mainly support, have mixed feelings about, or oppose the approach that President Bush and his administration are taking in the campaign against terrorism?"

5. Do you think that the duration of a campaign against terrorism will be short--that is, it will last a few months--medium, meaning that it will last one or two years, or do you think that a campaign will be long and will last for several years or longer?

	<u>11/01</u>	<u>10/7/01</u>	
Short.....	4	7	[142]
Medium.....	35	27	
Long.....	58	62	
Not sure.....	3	4	

6. Do you think that the United States' military attacks in Afghanistan have been too strong, about right, or not strong enough?

	<u>11/01</u>	<u>10/7/01</u>	
Too strong.....	5	6	[143]
About right.....	47	53	
Not strong enough.....	41	23	
Not sure.....	7	18	

7. Do you think that combating terrorism is worth risking retaliation against the United States, or do you think that it is not worth risking retaliation?

	<u>11/01</u>	<u>10/7/01</u>	
Worth risking retaliation.....	87	89	[144]
Not worth risking retaliation.....	9	6	
Not sure.....	4	5	

8. Now I'm going to mention some areas in which the United States is involved in fighting terrorism. For each one that I mention, please tell me how much confidence you have in the actions and efforts of the Bush administration in that area. When it comes to ... would you say you have a great deal of confidence, quite a bit of confidence, just some confidence, or very little confidence in the Bush administration?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY A GREAT DEAL OF CONFIDENCE*

	A Great Deal Of Confidence	Quite A Bit Of Confidence	Just Some Confidence	Very Little Confidence	Not Sure	
Military efforts to combat terrorism.....	43	35	16	5	1	[147]
Our efforts to freeze the financial resources used by terrorist groups.....	36	28	25	8	3	[148]
Diplomatic efforts to work with Arab countries and our other allies.....	28	31	28	10	3	[146]
Domestic efforts to protect Americans from further terrorist attacks.....	26	34	29	9	2	[145]

9. Do you think that a foreign terrorist group is or is not responsible for the anthrax attacks?

Foreign group is responsible.....	47	[149]
Foreign group is not responsible.....	28	
Not sure.....	25	

10. I'm going to read you some objectives of the current war against terrorism. For each one, please tell me how important you think it is for the United States to meet that objective, using a five-point scale on which a "5" means that it is extremely important, and a "1" means that it is not important.

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE MEAN*

	Mean	Extremely Important					Not Important	Cannot Rate
		5	4	3	2	1		
Improving our intelligence capability to help prevent future terrorist attacks.....	4.8	85	9	4	1	1	-	[154]
Removing the Taliban from power in Afghanistan.....	4.5	75	11	10	1	3	-	[151]
Capturing Osama bin Laden.....	4.5	72	9	13	1	4	1	[150]
Ensuring the safety of the United States' mail even if it means increasing postal rates.....	4.3	61	17	13	5	4	-	[153]
Invading Iraq to remove Saddam Hussein and end his support of terrorism.....	4.1	52	19	16	5	7	1	[152]

\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM A).

11. Do you think that the war on terrorism in Afghanistan is or is not worth risking substantial numbers of American military casualties?

Yes, worth risking casualties.....	74	[155]
No, not worth risking casualties.....	16	
Not sure.....	10	

12. Since the September eleventh attacks, would you say that you have or have not made changes when it comes to how you approach activities such as opening mail, going to a shopping mall, attending sporting events and concerts, and making travel arrangements?

Yes, have made changes.....	34	[156]
No, have not made changes.....	65	
Not sure.....	1	

13. Now I'd like to ask you about your satisfaction with how the federal government has been dealing with certain situations. When it comes to ... would you say that you are or are not satisfied with the federal government?

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY SATISFIED*

	<u>Satisfied</u>	<u>Not Satisfied</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Providing Americans with reassurance and direction during this uncertain period.....	77	18	5	[159]
Informing the public about terrorist attacks and domestic threats.....	71	25	4	[157]
Ensuring that there are enough antibiotics and vaccines for Americans in case there is a bio-terrorist attack.....	51	39	10	[158]

14. Now I'm going to mention a few things that people have said may or may not happen in the next several months. For each one, please tell me whether it is something that is very likely to happen, fairly likely to happen, fairly unlikely to happen, or very unlikely to happen. \*\*

*THIS TABLE HAS BEEN RANKED BY THE PERCENTAGE WHO SAY VERY LIKELY TO HAPPEN*

	<u>Very Likely To Happen</u>	<u>Fairly Likely To Happen</u>	<u>Fairly Unlikely To Happen</u>	<u>Very Unlikely To Happen</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
<b>A bio-terrorist attack, such as more widespread exposure to anthrax or smallpox</b>						[160]
November 2001.....	25	36	21	13	5	
October 7, 2001 <sup>1</sup> .....	23	28	22	20	7	
<b>A major U.S. building, bridge, or landmark will be bombed or attacked</b>						[161]
November 2001.....	22	38	24	12	4	
<b>A hijacking of another airliner</b>						[163]
November 2001.....	17	29	26	27	1	
<b>A coordinated terrorist attack on several malls or shopping centers</b>						[164]
November 2001.....	11	28	34	25	2	
<b>An attack using a nuclear bomb or nuclear missile</b>						[162]
November 2001.....	7	17	29	44	3	

<sup>1</sup>In October 2001, item was phrased, "There will be a terrorist attack using chemical or biological weapons in the United States in the near future."

\*\* Asked of one-half the respondents (FORM B).

15. In order to improve safety for passengers on commercial airlines, do you think that the people screening passengers and luggage at airports should be federal government employees, or do you think that they should be private employees who work under federal supervision?

Should be federal government employees.....	43	[167]
Should be private employees under federal supervision....	44	
Should be a combination of both/neither (VOL).....	9	
Not sure.....	4	

16. Has the war on terrorism made you think that the United States' relations with Israel should be closer, more distant, or should stay the same?

	<u>11/01</u>	<u>10/7/01</u>	<u>9/15-16/01<sup>1</sup></u>	
Closer.....	29	30	33	[168]
More distant.....	14	13	16	
Stay the same.....	48	48	42	
Not sure.....	9	9	9	

<sup>1</sup> Previously, this question began, "Have Tuesday's events made you think that the United States' relations . . . "

**Now changing subjects . . .**

17. Which of the following options do you think should receive greater emphasis in an economic stimulus plan--**Option A**: extend unemployment benefits and help pay health care premiums for laid-off workers and fund public works programs to create jobs, OR **Option B**: Provide tax cuts for individuals to stimulate spending and especially for businesses to encourage investment and create jobs?

<b>Option A/extend unemployment benefits....</b>	43	[169]
<b>Option B/provide tax cuts.....</b>	50	
Not sure.....	7	

18. Some people say that increasing homeland security by safeguarding transportation systems and preparing for biological terrorism attacks could cost as much as fifty billion dollars over the next several years. Please tell me which one of the following comes closest to what you think should be done?

We should spend whatever is necessary to enhance safety and security, even if it means a return to deficit spending.....	28	[170]
We should spend whatever is necessary to enhance safety and security, even if it means rolling back the tax cut enacted last year.....	49	
We should limit spending on homeland security to live within the spending targets in the current budget plan.....	19	
Not sure.....	4	

19. Thinking back to the 2000 presidential election, do you think that George W. Bush won the presidency legitimately?

	<u>11/01</u>	<u>4/01</u>	<u>1/01</u>	
Yes, won presidency legitimately.....	58	57	55	[171]
No, did not win presidency legitimately.....	35	37	39	
Not sure.....	7	6	6	

If George W. Bush wins the election, do you think that he will or will not have won the presidency legitimately?

	<u>12/00</u>
George W. Bush will have won the presidency legitimately.....	60
George W. Bush will NOT have won the presidency legitimately.....	32
Not sure.....	8

**FACTUALS:** Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

F1. How old are you? (IF "REFUSED," ASK:) Well, would you tell me which age group you belong to?

18-24.....	9	50-54.....	10	[172-173]
25-29.....	7	55-59.....	7	
30-34.....	8	60-64.....	6	
35-39.....	9	65-69.....	6	
40-44.....	13	70-74.....	6	
45-49.....	12	75 and over.....	6	
		Refused.....	1	

F2. What is the last grade that you completed in school?

Grade school.....	-	[174-175]
Some high school.....	5	
High school graduate.....	31	
Some college, no degree.....	19	
Vocational training/2-year college.....	8	
4-year college/bachelor's degree.....	20	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2 or 3 years postgraduate work/master's degree....	11	
Doctoral/law degree.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F3. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an independent, or something else? (**IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:**) Would you call yourself a strong (Democrat/Republican) or not a very strong (Democrat/Republican)? (**IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:**) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly independent?

Strong Democrat.....	20	[176]
Not very strong Democrat.....	10	
Independent/lean Democrat.....	9	
Strictly independent.....	19	
Independent/lean Republican.....	7	
Not very strong Republican.....	8	
Strong Republican.....	18	
Other .....	5	
Not sure/nothing.....	4	

F4a. Are you from a Hispanic or Spanish-speaking background?

Yes.....	8	[177]
No.....	91	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F4b. What is your race--white, black, Asian, or something else?

White.....	80	[178]
Black.....	9	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	3	
Hispanic (VOL).....	5	
Not sure/refused.....	2	

F5. If you added together the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than ten thousand dollars, between ten thousand dollars and twenty thousand dollars, between twenty thousand dollars and thirty thousand dollars, between thirty thousand dollars and forty thousand dollars, between forty thousand dollars and fifty thousand dollars, between fifty thousand dollars and seventy-five thousand dollars, between seventy-five thousand dollars and one hundred thousand dollars, or would the total be more than that?

Less than \$10,000.....	4	[179]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	8	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	14	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	9	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	12	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	18	
Between \$75,000 and \$100,000.....	10	
More than \$100,000.....	11	
Not sure/refused.....	14	